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K. Wm. III. King

His Majesties

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To both Houses of

P A R L I A M E N T,

On *Tuesday* the Seventh Day of November, 1693.

I Am always Glad to meet you here, and I could heartily wish that Our Satisfaction were not lessened at present by Reflecting upon the Disadvantages We have received this Year at Land, and the Miscarriages in Our Affairs at Sea. I Think it is Evident, That the former was only occasioned by the great Number of Our Enemies, which exceeded Ours in all Places; For what relates to the latter, which has brought so great a Disgrace upon the Nation, I have Resented it extremely, and as I will take Care, that those who have not done their Duty, shall be punished, so I am Resolved to use My utmost Endeavours, that Our Power at Sea may be rightly Managed for the Future. And it will well Deserve your Consideration, Whether We are not Defective both in the Number of Our Shipping, and in proper Ports to the Westward, for the better Annoying Our Enemies, and Protecting our Trade, which is so Essential to the Welfare of this Kingdom.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am very sensible of the good Affection wherewith you have always assisted me, to Support the Charges of this War, which have been very Great, and yet I am perswaded that the Experience of this Summer is sufficient to Convince Us all, that to arrive at a good End of it, there will be a Necessity of Encreasing Our Forces both by Sea and Land the next Year. Our Allies have Resolved to add to Theirs, and I will not Doubt, but you will have such Regard to the present Exigency, as that you will give Me a suitable Supply to Enable Me to do the like. I must therefore earnestly Recommend it to you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, to take such timely Resolution, as that your Supplies may be Effectual, and Our Preparations so Forward, as will be Necessary both for the Security and the Honour of the Nation.